

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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Title: BIO DEGRADATION OF  
OXYANIONS SUCH AS  
PERCHLORATE ON ION  
EXCHANGE RESINS  
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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 28, 2006 in the above-identified patent application. A one-month extension of time is enclosed to make this response timely.

Claims 1-35 were present in this application as originally filed. Claims 31-35 were restricted out of this application and are now cancelled as reflected in the CLAIM LISTING which begins on page 2 of this Communication.

REMARKS begin on page 8 of this Communication.